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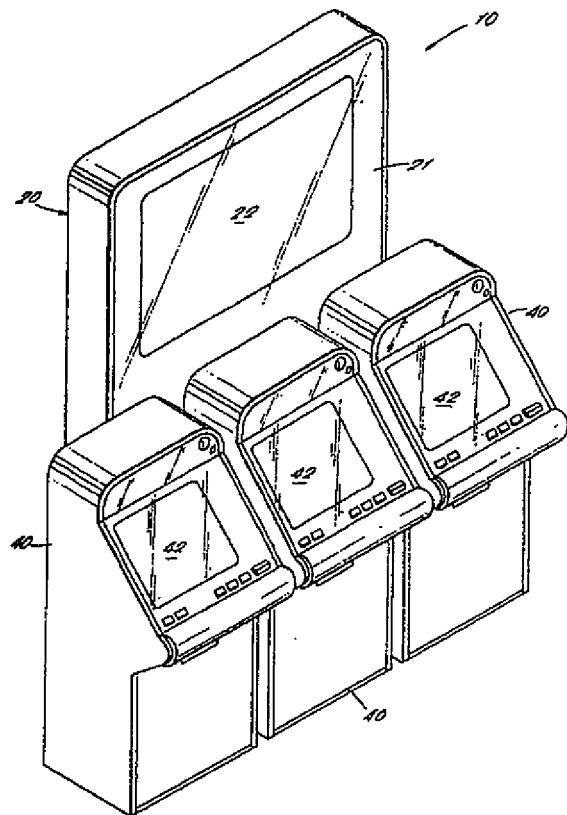
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(54) Title: APPARATUS FOR PLAYING A GAME



(57) Abstract: The present invention, with reference to Figure (1), is concerned with apparatus for playing a game. A plurality of randomisers are provided, each for generating one or more random indicia from a predefined set of indicia in a turn of play. One or more playfields are provided for play in each turn of play, the one or more playfields each being associated with at least one of the plurality of randomisers and offering for play via that playfield the same predefined set of indicia as the associated randomiser or randomisers.

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